



City of Cortez
123 Roger Smith Ave.
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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

March 28, 2023

Mayor and Council:

The following is my report for the current term:

- The Southwestern Water Conservation District's 39th Annual Southwest Water Seminar will be held this Friday, March 31, 2023 in Ignacio, CO. This is a full day of in-depth discussions on seeking common ground in securing a better water future for Coloradans. We have five (5) people attending from the City, including Mayor Medina.
- The restoration project for Water Tank #3 is close to completion. The timeline was extended a few weeks due to the weather. This marks the completion of restoration and rehabilitation of all City water storage tanks.
- The City is working in a mutual aid agreement with Montezuma County for emergency response to all hazards. We have submitted for their consideration a draft and are awaiting their reply. This will become a Council agenda item once fully agreed upon. Additionally, our Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) was last updated in 2018. We will be embarking upon an update of our local plan as well.
- The Senior Staff retreat is slated for this Thursday, March 30, 2023. This is preparation, in part, for the City Council retreat which is scheduled for April 29, 2023.
- Employee Spotlight – Sean Canada
Our current Building Official, Sean Canada, is celebrating 11 years as an employee for the City of Cortez. He is a valued member of the team and has taken on roles and responsibilities above and beyond his job description while taking great personal initiative. He is an excellent manager and mentor to our Building/Code Enforcement division employees. Sean thoroughly understands building best practices and knows the City building codes inside and out. He keeps his training up to date and ensures other division employees are also well trained. Working well with contractors and developers ensures safe construction throughout the city. Sean guides the city's efforts at code enforcement and works with our residents and businesses to help keep our city safe. With the recent proliferation of graffiti, he has worked with law enforcement and public works to identify problem areas and work with property owners to address the defacement of their properties in a timely manner - even going so far as to help clean some himself. When he sees a problem or a need, he rolls up his sleeves to help mediate the situation. Recently Sean spent several hours shoveling out the city hall parking lot so our employees and residents had a safe place to walk. Sean is a dedicated, thoughtful, and diligent employee who gracefully tackles difficult situations and continually goes the extra mile. Plus, he has a great sense of humor.